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The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" No, that stage has not been reached."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I know whether these applications have been sent for the opinion of the Electrical Inspector to Government ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Notice, Sir."

Jails

Prisoners admitted in the special division.

*383 *Q*.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the special division of prisoners was formed ; and

(*b*) the number of convicted persons that were placed in the special division in each of the years since the same was formed ?

A.—(*a*) The special division for prisoners was formed in 1922.

(*b*) In 1923, seven prisoners were placed in the special division and none in the previous or subsequent years.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" May I know whether any persons answering the descriptions and qualifications required to be placed in the special division have been convicted since 1923 ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar .—" I cannot say now, but I want notice."

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—" May I know from the hon. the Law Member, what are the conditions which would enable a man to be placed in the special division ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" His status in life, his education, the conditions under which he was brought up and his request for special convenience.

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—" May I know from the hon. the Law Member that, if a request is made by a person to a magistrate and if the magistrate refuses, whether the Government will be in a position to reconsider the case ? "

The hon. the President :—" That is a hypothetical question."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I know what offences were committed by these seven prisoners who are placed in the special division ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" May I know whether any persons convicted were recommended by the courts to be placed in the special division after 1923 ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Apparently not."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know whether the hon. the Law Member has enquired why the conditions of the 'special class' have not been liberally used, because I see from 1923 onwards there was no special prisoner at all ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" No."

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Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know from the hon. the Law Member whether, out of the seven persons mentioned in answer (b), there are any people convicted for sedition under section 124-A ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know whether the hon. the Law Member will not consider the desirability of placing under this special division men who have committed offences against the State provided violence is not involved ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" When such cases come up for consideration, I shall consider the suggestion."

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—" May I know if the hon. the Law Member is aware that Mr. Annapurnayya requested to be placed in the special division and that the Magistrate refused it ? " 11-15 a.m.

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I am not aware, Sir."

Mr. K. R. Karant :—" May I know, if since 1923 this provision has not been availed of, whether the Government made any enquiry as to the reasons for it ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Not, so far as I am aware."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" May I know whether Government have issued orders directing the Magistrate to act in any particular way about this matter ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Notice."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" May I know if the Government received any communication very recently from the Government of India on this matter, as we read in the newspapers ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Does my hon. Friend mean the communiqué published in yesterday's papers ? If so, I may state that we have received a telegram about it and that we have not received a copy of the communiqué yet."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" May I ask whether the hon. the Law Member will be pleased to call for information whether Mr. Annapurnayya asked to be placed in the special division ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" Now that the Magistrate has refused to place Mr. Annapurnayya in a special division, will the Government be pleased to interfere *suo motu* and place him in a special division ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I have given my answer in reply to the question put by Mr. Ranganatha Mudaliyar."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I know by whom were the seven prisoners placed in the special division ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Notice."

Mr. K. Uppi Sahib :—" May I know whether Mr. M. P. Narayana Menon is placed in the special division ? "

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The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" He is not in the special division."

Mr. K. UPPI SAHIB :—" May I know whether he was convicted under section 124-A of the Penal Code ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether, when a magistrate refuses to place a man of position, status and education in a special division, the Government proposes to take action or leave the matter entirely to the mercy and sweet will and pleasure of the magistrate ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan NAYAR :—" Notice."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know if the hon. the Law Member remembers that, in the case of Mr. Narayana Menon, the hon. Mr. Krishnan Nayar, when he was in the Opposition, held the view that he should be properly treated ?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" That is a matter not within the special cognizance of the hon. Member."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" May I know whether Mr. Bulusu Sambamurti is placed in the special ward ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Notice."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I have been watching the hon. the Law Member answering our questions without getting up from his seat."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member will have to get up and answer."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" That is what I have been doing all this while, Sir."

Legislative Council

Elections to the next Legislative Council.

*384 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) when the next general elections to the Council will be held ; and

(b) whether the Government are contemplating a dissolution of the Council immediately after the Budget Session ?

A.—(a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the notification (Public Department) No. 209, dated 20th May 1929 published on page 1098 of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 4th June 1929. The position is still as there stated.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I, with your permission, put my questions sitting, as I do not feel well ?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member is permitted to sit and put his questions because of his illness. Such a practice is allowable."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know, apart from the intentions of the Government of India and the Secretary of State, if this Government has any intention to dissolve this Council or recommend its dissolution immediately after the budget session next year ?"